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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action transmitted September 24, 2007 (the "Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto and the comments as set forth below.